GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4291
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SPECIAL STATUS TO STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed to give special status to the States;

(b) the names of States which have been given special status by now;

(c) whether the Government propose to give special status to any State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a): The Special Category Status is given to those States which are predominantly of hilly terrain with large tribal population, located on sensitive international border areas, with underdeveloped socio-economic infrastructure, low revenue base and non-viable nature of State`s finances and overall economic backwardness.

(b): The Special Category States are Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttaranchal.

(c): No, Sir. At present there is no proposal under the consideration of Government of India to give special status to any State.

(d): Does not arise.